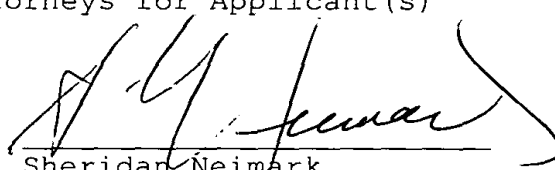


Maruta discloses the use of trehalose for stabilizing ascorbic acid. However, ascorbic acid is not a food; it is a compound. Maruta does not teach that trehalose, when added to a plant substance in a juicy form of a sliced, disrupted or extracted plant-edible-part, in an aqueous system, will inhibit the loss of the active-oxygen-eliminating activity of the plant substance. Applicants have discovered a new use with an unobvious result. Certainly, the rejection should be withdrawn and the claims allowed. Such is respectfully requested.

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